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Dr. Harmon C. McAllister
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

I am writing to you about possible financial support for a scientific conference that your organization has generously supported in the past. Dr. Howard Nash of the National Institutes of Health and I are organizing a meeting for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) on the topic "Genetic Recombination and Genome Rearrangements". The conference is to be held at Copper Mountain Colorado from July 25 through July 30, 1993. This is the only regularly scheduled meeting that is devoted exclusively to recombination. The four previous meetings in this series have been fully subscribed (150 participants) and we anticipate that the 1993 meeting will be also.

The FASEB Conferences, like the Gordon Conferences, bring researchers together for intense scientific discussion over a five day period. The conference focuses on nine carefully selected topics in the most promising and fruitful areas of research. I have enclosed a tentative schedule for the meeting along with the session leaders and two speakers. One of our goals for this conference is to integrate talks on more classical subjects in recombination like genetic control of recombination, biochemical mechanisms of recombination and the mechanism of transposition with important related topics like gene targeting in mammalian cells, the involvement of genome rearrangements in the etiology of human disease, rearrangement of immunoglobulin genes and the biochemical mechanism of integration of retroviruses into the genome. In addition to the scheduled talks, poster sessions allow discussion and presentation of related topics in recombination. We believe this program promises a high quality, interdisciplinary meeting that will help advance the field.

We are trying to raise funds to support the speakers' travel and meeting expenses. Travel may cost up to \$600 for U.S. participants and \$1,200 for a few European participants. The room, board, and registration costs of the meeting

are \$480. We wish to support about twenty senior researchers and at least fifteen junior investigators who, without financial assistance, might not be able to attend. About 30 speakers have tentatively accepted invitations; dependant on financial support. We estimate the total costs for supporting these speakers will be about \$45,000. We are seeking contributions from private corporations, the National Institutes of Health, and the National Science Foundation. Our goal is to obtain about one half of the total costs from private corporations. Contributions from private sources are particularly important this year given the pressures on the NIH and NSF budgets that are being experienced.

We greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. Contributors are gratefully acknowledged at the conference and in the abstract book that is distributed at the meeting. Checks should be annotated "Recombination" and made payable to FASEB, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. If you would like more details on the meeting, please write or call me at 212-305-1733.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. I do hope that you will be able to continue to support our worthwhile conference